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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/58/820)*]

58/295. Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/255 of 24 December 2001, 56/286 of 27 June 2002, 57/305 of 15 April 2003, 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and all relevant resolutions regarding the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises,[1]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Stresses* the need, for the purposes of objective analyses, for a dedicated functional staff at Headquarters to review the recommendations on country risk assessments made by security officers in the field with the assistance of and input from national authorities of the host country;

3. *Approves* the establishment of 58 new field security posts for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator, and decides, without prejudice to such decisions as may be arrived at regarding cost-sharing arrangements, to appropriate 2,583,000 United States dollars, being the portion of costs normally attributable to the United Nations using current formulas, and to revert to the required residual funding of 8,162,100 dollars at the fifty-ninth session when determining cost-sharing arrangements;

[1] A/58/756.
[2] A/58/758.

4. *Decides* to revert to the possible conversion of the 58 extrabudgetary field security posts for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator in the context of the comprehensive report at its fifty-ninth session;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments not to exceed 38,033,200 dollars for the financing of infrastructure projects;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-ninth session a comprehensive report on further strengthening the safety and security of United Nations operations, staff and premises, which should contain, inter alia, the following elements:

(*a*) Clearly established criteria for determining long-term needs;

(*b*) A rational framework for the enhancement of system-wide security arrangements, based on the completion of all ongoing reviews, including the change management study;

(*c*) Time frames for the completion of the various projects proposed in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] as well as determinations as to which organizational units are responsible for their completion;

(*d*) Clearly established lines of accountability and responsibility and a clear chain of command for all participants in field security and at duty stations, including clarification of the relationship between all relevant United Nations entities and the Secretariat;

(*e*) Information on United Nations cooperation with and the role and responsibilities of host countries;

(*f*) Information on the need to ensure an enhanced professional capacity in the United Nations to conduct threat and risk assessment on a worldwide basis in order to address the issue raised in paragraph 18 of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

(*g*) Information on the utilization and cost of expertise sought on safety and security;

(*h*) Information on the need for adequate security-related training for all United Nations staff;

(*i*) Analysis of and recommendations on long-term funding arrangements for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator and related resource requirements;

7. *Decides* that the resource requirements in the requested report should be based on and justified in terms of the Secretary-General's comprehensive review of safety and security;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with the conduct of an audit review of the utilization and management of the funds appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/286 for the implementation of measures to strengthen the security and safety of United Nations premises, including the causes for cost escalation and compliance with procurement procedures, and to report to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session in conjunction with the comprehensive report on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises;

9. *Decides* to approve an additional appropriation under the regular budget in the amount of 18,287,100 dollars, broken down by budget section as follows:

Section 3. Political affairs	2 866 100
Section 4. Disarmament	70 200
Section 5. Peacekeeping operations	3 774 100
Section 7. International Court of Justice	84 000
Section 18. Economic and social development in Africa	55 700
Section 19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	592 900
Section 21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	80 900
Section 22. Economic and social development in Western Asia	233 400
Section 28. Public information	186 200
Section 29A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	500 000
Section 29C. Office of Human Resources Management	326 800
Section 29D. Office of Central Support Services	1 672 100
Section 29E. Administration, Geneva	2 683 500
Section 29F. Administration, Vienna	1 931 900
Section 29G. Administration, Nairobi	646 300
Section 31. Jointly financed administrative activities	2 583 000
Total	**18 287 100**

10. *Also decides* to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of 48,700 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount of income under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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